

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 are pending in the present Application. No claims have been canceled, claims 11, 15-16, 18, 27, 29, and 30 have been amended, and no claims have been added, leaving Claims 11-30 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claims 1, 27, and 30 have been amended to recite that the claimed composition is limited to those having a resin composition consisting of a polyetherimide resin and particular thermoplastic resin, namely a polyphenylene ether, polyester, polycarbonate, polyester carbonate, polyamide, polyolefin, and/or polyacetal.

Claims 15-16, 18, and 29 have been amended to conform the claims to USPTO Markush practice. Since this is a formal matter, the scope of the claims has not been altered.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 11-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,571,875 to Tsutumi et al. (“Tsutumi”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,856,403 to Senga and EP 0 418,719. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection(s) and rejection(s) and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2341.

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